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SUMMARY: APRISTA CTP AND NON- MOSCOW LEFT RADICALS PROFITING FROM CONTINUING POPULAR DISENCHANTMENT WITH MIL GOV AND RELUCTANCE OF MOSCOW COMMUNIST CGTP TO OPPOSE IT. CGTP LOSS OF MINEWORKERS AS RESULT ITS PRO- MILGOV POLICY CONFIRMED BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS, AND BANK WORKERS AND METAL WORKERS ALSO MAY SHORTLY PULL OUT TO FOLLOW ANTI- MIL GOV COURSEM PETROLEUM WORKERS HAVE DISAFFILIATED FROM GOP- BACKED CTRP, WHICH HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BROKEN WITH ITS OPPORTUNISTIC TRANSPORT LEADER. CHIMBOTE CALM BUT SIMMERING WITH REPORTED 50 ALLEGED TROUBLEMAKERS OR SABOTEURS OF STEEL MILL ARRESTED AND 46 WORKERS DISMISSED. SUTEP TEACHERS CONTINUE MANEUVERING TOWARD LATE JULY STRIKE , WHILE ALMOST DAILY SMALL- SCALE POLICE- STUDENT CONFRONTATIONS CONTINUE IN SCATTERED PARTS OF COUNTRY. APRISTA CTP PUBLICLY BACKING SMALL AND MEDIUM FARMERS OBJECTING TO COLLECTIVAZATION WHO MUSTERED REPORTED 5,000 AT RALLIES IN PIURA AND AREQUIPA. HIGHLY UNPOPULAR SINAMOS ON DEFENSIVE, WITH DEPUTY CHIEF DELGADO REPORTEDLY FIRED AND CHIEF RODRIQUEZ UNDER ATTACH.

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1. FORTY- SIX WORKERS FIRED AND PROBABLY AT LEAST AS MANY UNDER ARREST AS RESULT ALLEGED SABOTAGE OF GOP- OWNED CHIMBOTE STEEL MILL ( LIMA 3594). MOST OF THOSE KNOWN IN POLICE CUSTODY APPEAR TO BE LEFT RADICALS EXCEPT APRISTA ANCASH FEDERATION PRESIDENT JOSE CASTRO SOLIS. MINISTER OF INTERIOR TOLD AMBASSADOR 50 ARRESTED AT CHIMBOTE, AND THAT MOVE REPRESENTS BEGINNING OF MIL GOV CRACKDOWN ON LABOR AGITATORS REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCES, BUT WE' VE HEARD SIMILAR CLAIMS BEFORE. PCP- MOSCOW AND ITS CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU ( CGTP), TO WHICH CHIMBOTE STEELWORKERS AFFILIATED, STILL RESISTING WORKER AND STUDENT PRESSURE TO DENOUNCE MIL GOV, AND HAVE LIMITED THEMSELVES TO CALLING FOR PROMPT PUBLICTY OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THOSE ARRESTED OR FIRED. APRISTA- DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU ( CTP) PROFITING FROM ITS POPULAR POSITION OF BEING ONLY ANTI- MILGOV LABOR CENTRAL, HOSTED STEEL WORKERS LEADERS FOR LIMA PRESS CONFERENCE, OFFERED TO MEDIATE, AND CALLED ON MILGOV TO RELEASE THOSE ARRESTED AND REHIRE THOS FIRED. CTP ALSO RAN ADS IN PRESS PUBLICLY SUPPORTING TEACHERS AND SMALL FARMERS IN THEIR CONFRONTATIONS WITH MIL GOV.

2. CGTP AND MIL GOV- SUPPORTED CENTRAL DE TRABAJADORES DE LA REVOLUCION PERUANA ( CTRP) HAVE BOTH BEEN WEAKENED AS RESULT OF UNPOPULAR ( WITH MEMBERS) ALIGHMENT WITH MIL GOV. DISSIDENT COMMUNISTS UNDER LEADERSHIP VICTOR CUADROS PAREDES AND ADVISED BY RICARDO DIAS CHAVEZ HAVE SUCCEDED IN KEEPING CONTROL OF MINEWORKERS FEDERATION AFTER WITHDRAWING IT FROM CGTP AND BREAKING WITH PCP- MOSCOW SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. ON JUNE 22 THEY CONSOLIDATED THEIR POSITION BY WINNING TWO MONTH STRIKE AGAINST TWO SMALL MINES THROUGH FORCING THE ACTING MINISTER OF LABOR TO GRANT THEIR DEMANDS AFTER CLOSING DOWN SOUTHERN PERU COPPER, MARCONA AND PART OF CERRO DE PASCO WITH SYMPATHY STRIKES FOR THREE DAYS. BANKWORKERS FEDERATION ( STRONGEST REMAINING UNIT OF CGTP) UNDERGOING INTERNAL CONVULSION WITH THE THREE LARGEST UNIONS REPRESENTING THE GOP- OWNED BANKS UNDER CONTROL OF PEKING COMMUNISTS AND TROTSKYITES WHO ARE ATTEMPTING OVERTHROW MOSCOVITE LEADERS AND PULL FEDERATION OUT OF CGTP.

3. SIX MONTH OLD HEAVILY MIL GOV- SUPPORTED CTRP HAS NOW HAD ITS FIRST DEFECTION ( ONE OF THE PETROPERU FEDERATIONS) AND HAS

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ATTACKED ITS PRINCIPAL FOUNDER, OPPORTUNISTIC VICTOR ALVAREZ, FOR LEADING HIS TAXI DRIVERS ON A ONE DAY STRIKE IN ATTEMPT TO SHOW HE WAS NOT MIL GOV PUPPET. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERACION MACIONAL DE TRABAJADORES ( CNT) IS BADLY SPLIT AND PRACTICALLY INACTIVE.

4. SUTEP TEACHERS ( INDEPENDENT, LEFT RADICAL, SOME APRISTAS)

EFFECTIVELY CLOSED DOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS JUNE 20 AS PLANNED WITH ONE DAY STRIKE. HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RIOTED SPORADICALLY THEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT WEEK IN SUPPORT OF TEACHERS SALARY AND OTHER DEMANDS. ON JUNE 28 LIMA SUTEP AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING TEACHERS COOP ( REFTEL), EVEN THOUGH PRO- MIL GOV TEACHERS WILL HAVE ONE- THIRD OF DIRECTORS, AFTER COMMISSION AGREED MAJORITY COULD ELECT OFFICERS. SUTEP NOW PLANNING TOWARD NATIONWIDE INDEFINITE TEACHERS STRIKE BEGINNING LATE JULY STRENGTHENED BY ITS CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL COOPS.

5. SMALL AND MEDIUM FARMERS HAVE FORMED REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT NATION TO PROTEST COLLECTIVIZATION OF AGRICULTURE, AND DREW REPORTED 5,000 TO EACH OF TWO ANTI-SINAMOS RALLIES IN PIURA AND AREQUIPA. REELING FROM THESE AND MANY OTHER ATTACKS FROM RIGHT AND CENTER, SINAMOS DEPUTY CHIEF AND MAIN THEORETICIAN, US- TRAINED CARLOS DELAGADO, HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN FIRED OR RESIGNED. RUMORS AROUND THAT SINAMOS CHIEF GENERAL RODRIGUEZ F. MAY SOON FOLLOW AND THAT ORGANIZATION ITSELF WILL BE PURGED OF ITS MORE LEFT-RADICAL FUNCTIONARIES.

6. FINANCIALLY AND ORGANIZATIONALLY WEEK CTP IS APPROACHING ITS TRIENNIAL CONGRESS JULY 20 IN POSSESSION OF BETTER PRESTIGE THAN ANY OF ITS RIVALS DUE ITS CONSISTENT BUT MODERATE ANTI-MIL GOV POSITION. THROUGH SECRETARY GENERAL JULIO CRUZADO WILL AS USUAL BE ATTACKED BY THOSE WHO FEEL HE SHOULD HEW MORE CLOSELY TO APRA LINE, HE SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY TO WIN RE- ELECTION. THOSE CRITICS WHO ATTACKED HIM FOR NOT LEADING THE CTP MORE ACTIVELY AGAINST THE MIL GOV HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED BY ITS ONE DAY GENERAL STRIKE IN MAY WHICH SHOWED THE OVERALL WEAKNESS OF CTP EVEN THOUGH STRIKE WAS ADHERED TO BY GREAT MAJORITY OF AFFILIATES.

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